(iv) Rehabilitation of Ex-servicemen

1698. *-Land Colonisation at Ratnapura, Hunsur Taluk, Mysore District:*—The implementation of Land Colonisation Scheme started in the year 1952 for Ex-servicemen at Ratnapura Colony, Hunsur Taluk, Mysore District, was continued during the year.

1699. Out of the three colonies proposed to be started under the scheme the main and the first colony was completed with the settlement of Ex-servicemen and the second colony was started with the allotment of lands and house sites.

Settlers

1700. Thirty-two Ex-servicemen of Mysore State Forces and Indian Army were selected to join the colony out of 55 Ex-servicemen interviewed by the Selection Committee. The number of persons who joined the colony and settled during the year was 65, thus bringing the total number settled at the end of the year to 167. Fifty persons paid the settlers' contribution of Rs. 70 each during the year to the extent of Rs. 3,500. Thus, 180 persons have paid contribution to the extent of Rs. 13,150 up to end of the year.

Allotment of land

1701. The area of dry land allotted during the year at six acres each was 286 acres thus bringing the total allotment at the end of the year to 844 acres and the area of wet land allotted during the year at 2 acres each was 146 acres thus bringing the total allotment of wet land at the end of the year to 338 acres.

Reclamation of lands.

1702. During the year, a sum of Rs. 14,840 was paid to settlers as reclamation charges both for wet and dry lands at Rs. 60 per acre of dry land and Rs. 200 per acre of wet land.

Cultivation of land.

1703. During the year, a total extent of 104 (88) acres of wet land and 402 (210) acres of dry land was cultivated.

Buildings.

1704. So far, the construction of 37 settlers quarters, 8 staff quarters, one hospital and one school building have been completed.

Loans.

1705. The payment of loans during the year amounted to Rs. 12,400 bringing the total amount paid up to end of the year to Rs. 65,700.

Recreations

1706. The supply of newspapers and monthly magazines has been arranged in addition to providing in-door games.

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Other activities.

1707. A Government primary school including the adult education night school for women was working satisfactorily. A milk centre for distribution of free milk to children was started.

Expenditure.

1708. The expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 37,500 thus bringing the total expenditure up to end of March 1958 to Rs. 4,20,365.

1709. The District Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Boards and Ex-servicemen Associations of the State gave due publicity to the scheme during the year.

(v) Beggar Relief Scheme.

1710. *Beggar Colony, Bangalore*:—The Act for the Prohibition of Beggary, 1944 (Act No. XXXIII of 1944) continued to be in force within the limits of the Corporation of the City of Bangalore during the year.

Activities of the Receiving Centre.

1711. During the year, 3,392 (2,502) beggars were arrested in the limits of the Corporation of Bangalore City and Civil Area. Of these, 1,929 (1,459) being the first offenders were released by the Receiving Officer after conducting a detailed enquiry and on the beggars promising to give up the habit of begging, 1,445 were produced before II City Magistrate who after summary enquiry released 434 (465) beggars and the rest 1,011 (578) were detained and transferred to the Relief Centre. At the close of the year, there were 11 beggars in the Receiving Centre.

Activities of the Relief Centre.

1712. The total number of beggars detained and maintained in the colony during the year was 1,299 (850). Of these, 199 (132) beggars were discharged by the Magistrate on surety of their relatives. The Superintendent released 702 (502) beggars on parole on the assurance given by the beggars that they would not resort to begging again but live by honourable means.

1713. During the year, 35 (24) beggars escaped and 14 (5) died in the colony. At the close of the year, there were 201 beggars in the Relief Centre.

Cottage Industries.

1714. The tailoring section, binding section, poultry unit, bee-keeping and sheep rearing sections were continued to work satisfactorily during the year.

Agriculture and Gardening.

1715. About 130 acres of cultivable land was attached to the colony and out of which about 70 acres was cultivated with the help of the inmates. The remaining extent was